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REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
NEW LISBON TELEPHONE COMPANY,)
INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND)
CHARGES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, FOR EXEMPTION FROM)
COMMISSION REGULATION PURSUANT)
TO I.C. 8-1-2-88.5 AND FOR ALL OTHER)
RELIEF PROPER IN THE PREMISES)

CAUSE NO. 42293

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

On September 20, 2002, Petitioner, New Lisbon Telephone Company, Inc. ("New Lisbon" or "Petitioner") filed its Petition with the Commission seeking an increase in its rates and charges and for exemption from Commission regulation.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held on October 17, 2002. A hearing was held in this Cause on January 14, 2003 at 9:30 in Room E306 of the Commission. At the hearing both the Petitioner and the OUCC submitted evidence that had not been pre-filed and, therefore, Commission staff had no opportunity to review the documents prior to the hearing. Subsequent to the hearing, staff has reviewed this evidence and the Presiding Officers find that to sufficiently review Petitioner's proposed rate increase, the Commission requires additional information. Therefore, the Petitioner shall answer the following questions and file them with the Commission on or before January 31, 2003.

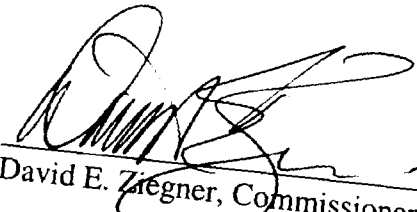
1. The Customer Notice letter, which was entered into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3, includes a breakdown of proposed rates for each customer class. The proposed rates shown in Petitioner's exhibit 3 appear to reflect a 182% increase in residential rates. (This calculation assumes that the separate touchtone rate of \$1.50 is being eliminated as Petitioner's witness testified at the hearing.) What type of impact does each of the parties think this rate increase will have on Petitioner's residential customers?
2. For each customer class listed in Petitioner's Exhibit 3, please list the current monthly rate, the current monthly rate for any currently tariffed rate elements that are being included in the proposed monthly rate and what those elements are, the proposed monthly rate, the number of access lines served in each rate class, the number of access lines currently subscribed to any rate elements that are being included in the proposed rate, and a calculation of the

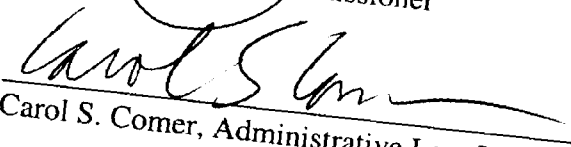
any rate elements that are being included in the proposed rate, and a calculation of the increase in revenue that will result from the increased rate. If the revenue received under these calculations exceeds the revenue requirement requested, please recalculate the proposed rates to return the proper revenue requirement.

3. Please explain the methodology used in allocating the rate increase between the customer classes.

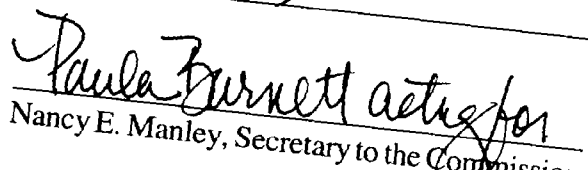
4. Petitioner testified that its current access rates for 1-party residential and business access lines are respectively, \$9.50 and \$19.00. However, the tariff on file at the Commission indicates that pursuant to an order in Cause Number 37620 dated July 25, 1989, those rates were reduced to \$9.25 and \$18.75. What is the correct access rate for each classification?

IT IS SO ORDERED.


David E. Ziegner, Commissioner


Carol S. Comer, Administrative Law Judge

Date: 1-17-03


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